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9 September 1958

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 5 September 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell  
Col. Burke



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1. Facilities of the DPS Conference Room - Mr. Bissell requested that the clock in the Conference Room be made operative. [ ] said it would be done.

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2. Operation [ ] Planning - Mr. Bissell stated that we should be prepared during the conduct of [ ] to carry out at least part of the peripheral ELINT missions contemplated by the postponed Operation [ ]. These would serve as cover for [ ] in accordance with the story being given to [ ] who were knowledgeable of [ ]. In response to a question from Mr. Bissell, [ ] said he was of the very strong opinion that the overflight phase of [ ] should be conducted before the peripheral missions were undertaken. Mr. Bissell stated that he wanted personally to check the actual route of the overflight mission before it is undertaken.

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Mr. Bissell said that General Cabell had confirmed the decision to proceed with [ ] on the ground rule established by [ ] that [ ] alone among [ ] officials will be informed of the overflight phase. If there are protests later, either from the USSR or the [ ], the U.S.'s official position initially probably will be to deny knowledge of the overflight.

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Mr. Bissell requested that the exchange of messages between CHALICE Headquarters and [ ] be forwarded to [ ] for the information of Mr. Cunningham and Col. Beerli, together with an explanatory message explaining the background of the decisions.

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ACTION: Operations

SUSPENSE: 8 September

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[ ] stated, on the basis of information available to him, that the projected operational date of 15 September was firm; the availability of communications had been a shaky point in the 15 September date but it appeared that [ ] would be able to meet the requirement. [ ] announced that he was leaving Headquarters to go to [ ] on 9 September.

It was decided that the time was now appropriate for an Air Force message requesting support for Col. Deery's airlift requirements be originated by Col. Geary's office and sent to USAFE.

ACTION: Operations

SUSPENSE: 5 September

3. The Far Eastern Situation - Mr. Bissell summarized his views on the dangers inherent in the [ ] situation. He said he felt that U.S. military involvement was a distinct possibility and that if the situation worsened, certainly the frequency of operations by Detachment C would increase drastically. It was decided to alert EAFB to prepare two U-2 aircraft to be ferried to Detachment C and to advise Lockheed that two more crews might be necessary on short notice.

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ACTION: Operations, Personnel SUSPENSE: 5 September

4. Briefing of Various Commands in Honolulu on CHALICE and "T" - Several circumstances over the past few months have indicated that the relationship of CHALICE and "T" is unclear to the various commands (including the [ ]). This has led to, among other things, slowness and jurisdictional disputes in the providing of airlift for Detachment C; the improper use of communications channels; and lack of coordination in providing CHALICE and "T" information to interested officials. Because the situation is complicated enough to be very difficult or impossible to solve by cable, Mr. Bissell requested Mr. Reber and one person from the CHALICE Security Office to travel to [ ] in order to explain CHALICE and "T" procedures, and attempt to reach a solution to the other various difficulties. (NOTE: [ ] of AFCIG-5 later indicated his desire to make the trip, with particular reference to airlift difficulties. As of 8 September, it had been decided that this party of three would depart Headquarters on approximately 14 September.)

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5. Report of [ ] summarized his conclusions reached after a recent trip to Detachments B and C. His major points were as follows:

a. The quality of configuration work being done at the Detachments is generally higher than a few months back, but the quality of A-2 configuration work is down. The shutter situation is not good, with an indication of slowness of repair in the Hycon plant.

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b. Processing by the [ ] produces markedly lower quality results than Eastman.

c. Quality control at the Hycon plant leaves much to be desired.

d. Re-upping at Detachment B will probably be low but there will be no similar problem at Detachment C.

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As a result of these points, Mr. Bissell requested [ ] to meet with Hycon at his earliest convenience to gather facts to help in the decision of whether or not to change from Hycon to Perkin-Elmer as the camera field service control.

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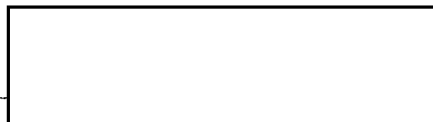
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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 10 September 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell

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25X1A 1. Briefing of Officials at Honolulu on CHALICE and "T" - The projected trip of Headquarters personnel, plus [ ] to brief various officials there has been postponed to a departure date of about 24 September. Mr. Reber announced this was required because the responsible officials at CINCPAC, [ ] are not immediately available. Mr. Bissell requested that a brief policy paper that would set forth what this briefing trip hopes to accomplish should be prepared and reviewed prior to the participants departing. He thought in general that the aim should be to parallel the effective procedures now in operation in USAFE.

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25X1A ACTION: Mr. Reber, [ ] SUSPENSE: 16 September

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25X1A 3. Pilot Training for [ ] and Related Items - [ ] announced that the SAC restrictions on flying at Del Rio had been lifted, although certain modifications had not been completed on all aircraft. The training completion date had been set at 2 October by SAC Headquarters in Omaha. (NOTE: It subsequently developed from a phone call by [ ] 25X1A [ ] at Del Rio that this 2 October completion date appeared very optimistic, based on flying as presently scheduled at Del Rio.)

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25X1 25X1A [ ] confirmed that the [ ] Signal Center was fully operational.

25X1A 4. Additional Requirements for Increased Far East Operations -  
25X1C [ ] announced that the addition of personnel and equipment to Detachment C was being approached under two sets of assumptions: First, assuming the use of [ ] Atsugi only and, second, adding [ ] to [ ] Atsugi. Under the first assumption the additional requirements could be met immediately with the exception of an Ops officer; consideration of the second assumption was being held in abeyance pending the clarification of events in the theater.

25X1A [ ] pointed out that the procurement of a heavy airlift support was most difficult at present and requested notice of such requirements as far in advance as possible.

25X1C Mr. Bissell said the incident occurring 10 September (in which the airborne spare had been required to make an emergency landing [ ]) would probably lead to a decision that ops by Detachment C would not be increased unless there were a drastic change in the Far East situation.

In this connection, Mr. Bissell also stated that if it appeared that the aircraft which made the emergency landing would not be in commission for a considerable period of time, we should undertake the immediate ferrying of a replacement from EAFB. The tentative plan made last week to ferry two additional aircraft to Detachment C was discarded for the time being.

Mr. Bissell requested that the policy of having two U-2 aircraft ready to depart EAFB on 48 hours notice should be reiterated to EAFB.

25X1C Mr. Bissell said he agreed with the action taken in the emergency landing incident in which the Detachment C recovery party was asked not to make contact with [ ] personnel. However, he said that we should be flexible on this point if communications became a really significant problem.

25X1A 5. [ ] - Preparations for [ ] were proceeding on schedule.  
25X1A The 15 September readiness date appeared to be firm. Mr. Bissell requested that we be sure that the peripheral missions, as well as penetration, were entirely cleared with the Air Force. [ ] stated that he had conducted extensive briefings with the Air Force recce representative.

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6. "C" Camera - [ ] announced that we still had a foot in the door in "C" camera matters. He stated that we might have some use for it in some specific cases. The results so far he said had been described as fair. [ ] announced that Ops was looking into the feasibility of its use in certain situations.

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7. Test Schedule for Edwards - Mr. Bissell requested [ ] to complete with EAFB personnel a final version of the test schedule.

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ACTION: [ ]

SUSPENSE: 23 September

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8. Budget - Mr. Bissell announced that he and [ ] had a meeting scheduled on budget matters with the Acting DD/S, [ ] of the Agency Comptroller's office on the afternoon of 10 September. Hopefully this would be followed by a meeting with the Bureau of the Budget on 11 September.

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9. Procedure for Following Up on Malfunctions - Mr. Bissell reviewed his understanding of the current procedures for following up on malfunctions in various equipment fields. He stressed the importance attached to this subject and suggested as a tentative procedure that the DPS Sections responsible for monitoring various equipment fields each take the following actions:

a. Consider the procedures now in force for monitoring equipment functioning and reliability and be prepared to discuss this system at the next staff meeting.

b. More specifically, prepare on a monthly basis a simple listing of malfunctions that had occurred in the previous month. This listing would be on the basis for an oral report during the first staff meeting of the following month. Mr. Bissell requested that the first of these lists be prepared effective the close of business 23 September to cover the preceding four weeks. Future reports would then cover calendar months.

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[ ] suggested that a future part of this procedure might be to have all such lists submitted to the Material Section for correlation and combination.

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10. Dates of Future Staff Meetings - Mr. Bissell announced that the heavy schedule of R & D meetings in the next two weeks would necessitate the next two staff meetings being scheduled as follows:

Morning of Tuesday, 16 September

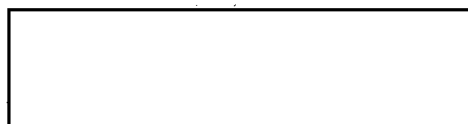
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11. [ ] announced that there would be a meeting on 18 September at the [ ], the subject of which would be supply and modifications of Firewall equipment. [ ] and possibly a representative from the Materiel Section will attend this meeting.

12. Mr. Reber announced that a new thoroughly-coordinated priorities paper was about to be published by the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee.

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